WHEREAS; widespread immunization drastically reduces the spread of many infectious, debilitating, and potentially life-threatening diseases, and vaccines are critical to ensuring the health and well-being of people and communities around the world; and

WHEREAS; the World Health Organization estimates that vaccines prevent between two and three million deaths every year and protect many millions more from severe illness; and

WHEREAS; scientific and medical communities overwhelmingly agree that vaccines—including the COVID-19 vaccine—are effective, safe, and instrumental in protecting folks from contracting preventable diseases; and

WHEREAS; the dissemination of misinformation about vaccine safety poses a significant public health risk, as communities with low vaccination rates compromise the health and livelihood of infants, young children, seniors, individuals with immunodeficiency disorders, individuals with weakened or compromised immune systems, and the general public; and

WHEREAS; now more than ever, educating folks about the importance of immunization and routine vaccinations is key to ensuring public health, safety, and awareness; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins the majority of our world's scientists, medical professionals, and experts in promoting regular vaccinations and sharing truthful, science-informed information about immunization, and encourages all Wisconsinites to trust science and get vaccinated against COVID-19 so that together we can save lives, put the pandemic behind us, and bounce back better;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim August 2021, as

NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our state's residents.

*	e at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 23rd day of July 2021
TONY EVERS, Governor	
By the Governor:	
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secr	retary of State